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Application No.: 09/526,317 )  
Filed: March 15, 2000 )  
Title: FLUID SEPARATION SYSTEM )  
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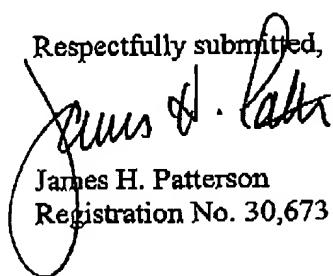
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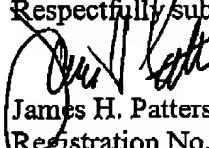
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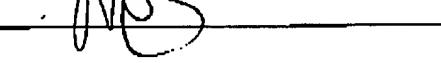
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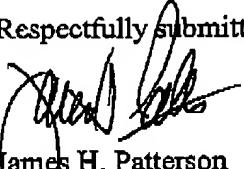
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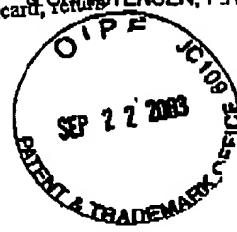
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